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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0005] of the specification as follows:

[0005] Unfortunately, assigning and relinquishing SCHs is important to the operation of 3G 1X networks. 3G 1X networks operate on the basic assumption that 3G 1X packet data traffic is bursty, exhibiting brief durations of high traffic separated by much larger durations of no traffic. It would be very inefficient to dedicate a permanent traffic channel to a packet data call. However, if a 3G 1X system is not designed correctly the bursty aspects of 3G 1X data traffic can seriously degrade service quality because of a reduction in available power. Thus, a key 3G 1X network design issue is ensuring that a CDMA ~~channels~~channel that ~~carries~~carries voice and data calls does so with negligible impact to the service quality of both. Thus, supplemental channels (SCHs) are assigned and unassigned as required.